

## BJP Scores "Hat-Trick" In State Elections, Congress Wins 1, Loses 2

**New Delhi(KCN):** Despite running an aggressive campaign, the Congress lost in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh and with this, the party has also lost its presence in the core Hindi heartland ahead of the crucial 2024 Lok Sabha elections, and exists only in Himachal Pradesh now.

The massive setback has also dented the Congress in the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc for bargaining more seats for the Lok Sabha elections. A party leader, who is yet to recover from the shock of the loss in the three states, and wishing not to be named, said that the

results are a "very big setback" to us. He said that the party was hopeful of forming its government in Chhattisgarh, where it found no problem in the last five years and there was no anti-incumbency visible or report that came to the party leadership.

Commenting on the results in Madhya Pradesh, the party leader said that Rahul Gandhi had earlier this year said that we will get 150 seats in the state on the basis of the reports from the state. "However, things did not go in our way and we were reduced to much fewer seats in this election, which is quite surprising," he said.



The party leader pointed out that the main reason for failure of tasting success in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan was because party's strategist Sunil Kanugolu and his team were not given free hand by the

leaders like Kamal Nath and Ashok Gehlot.

"Whereas, he had complete independence in Telangana to give proper report to the party and also suggest ways for campaigns and the state leadership agreed to them

and gave them all the help they required," the party leader said.

Even the state leadership acted on the internal surveys conducted by Kanugolu's team, which was not the case in Rajasthan and Madhya

Pradesh, where the senior leaders did not come on board with him that led to such a massive defeat despite the mood being in favour of Congress, he said. The party leader also highlighted that differences appeared between Kanugolu's team in Rajasthan after he gave the internal survey of the party suggesting that there are many sitting MLAs and Ministers who will not be able to win in the desert state.

He agreed that the INDIA bloc seat sharing talks, which were paused in view of the Assembly polls, will have its bearing on the same as it will not be in position for doing hard bargain from other parties citing no or very small presence in Hindi heartland or North Indian states.

The Congress was hopeful of returning to power in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan and was also hopeful to wrest power from the BJP in Madhya Pradesh.

"But the results have gone completely different from what was expected. It is a tough time for us, but we will find some ways to come over and take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," he added. Congress had last year lost in Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. In Bihar, Congress is a part of the Grand Alliance of the RJD and JD(U) and in Jharkhand, the Congress is part of the coalition government with JMM.

## Cyclone Michaung to trigger heavy rain in Odisha, 54 trains cancelled for December 5

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal Sunday intensified into a cyclonic storm 'Michaung' and is likely to cross the South Andhra Pradesh coast between Nellore and Machilipatnam during the forenoon of December 5 with a maximum sustained wind speed of 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph, the IMD said in a bulletin.

The system could result in heavy rains in most parts of southern Odisha and coastal region of the state, it said. The name Michaung (pronounced as migjaum) was suggested by Myanmar and it means strength or resilience.

The system which moved northwestwards with a speed of 5 kmph during the past six hours and



intensified into a cyclonic storm lay centered at 5.30 am at about 300 km east-southeast of Puducherry, 310 km southeast of Chennai, 440 km southeast of Nellore, 550 km south-southeast of Bapatla and 550 km south-southeast of Machilipatnam during the forenoon of December 5 as a cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph," the bulletin said.

Under its impact, Odisha

will experience light to moderate rainfall at most places with isolated heavy rainfall is likely over south coastal and adjoining south interior Odisha during December 4-6 with isolated very heavy rainfall over the same region December 5. "Under the influence of the system, rain may resume in Odisha December 3 with its intensity increasing in the next three days," an official at the Regional Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar said, adding that light to moderate rain and thundershower may occur at a few places in Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam at one or two places in districts of coastal Odisha, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi and Kandhamal on Sunday.

Addressing a big gathering of BJP members, including many Union ministers, Modi said these results will ensure the world's belief in India and infuse more confidence into global investors for the country. It shows that people are increasingly supporting our agenda for a developed India, he said. The world is watching that people are voting for a stable government that enjoys a strong majority, he said.

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## PRESIDENT OF INDIA PRESENTS NATIONAL AWARDS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR 2023

**New Delhi(KCN):** The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2023 in New Delhi today (December 3, 2023) on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is a commendable medium for empowerment of Divyangjan as recognizing individual and institutional work encourages everyone. She said that Divyangjan who are achievers in various fields should help other



Divyangjan to the best of their ability.

The President said that about 15 percent of the total world population are persons with disabilities and their empowerment is a high priority. She was happy to note that in the last few years, there has been a change in the attitude of the society towards persons with

disabilities. She expressed confidence that with the help of proper facilities, opportunities and empowerment efforts, all Divyangjan will live life with equality and dignity. The President said that it is a matter of pride that every part of the new Parliament building is accessible to the Divyangjan. She urged all to learn

education, gender equality, sanitation and drinking water etc. gives special strength to the empowerment of Divyangjan. She was happy to note that India has given high priority to these goals and is continuously moving towards achieving them.

Pointing out India's best ever performance at Asian Para Games, the President said that our players have created a new history on the strength of their indomitable winning spirit. She noted that there is continuous remarkable progress in the performance of all players. She appreciated the inspiring role played by players like Dr Deepa Malik and Ms Avani Lekhara in this regard.

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## Hat-trick in states guarantee of hat-trick in 2024: PM Narendra Modi



**New Delhi(KCN):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday hailed BJP's big win in the assembly polls as a victory for his government's agenda of self-reliant India, asserting that its hat-trick in the states is a guarantee of its hat-trick of Lok Sabha poll wins in 2024. "The results show popular support for our battle against corruption," he told a crowd of cheering supporters at the BJP headquarters here, adding that they have served a lesson to the Congress and the opposition's INDIA bloc that mere collecting some dynasts on dais may make for a good photograph but cannot win people's confidence. Voters have delivered a warning to these parties involved in corruption to

mend their ways or people will finish them off, he said.

No one should come in between the Centre's development and people, or the masses will remove them, Modi said in a stinging attack on opposition parties.

Some people are already saying our hat-trick in the states is a guarantee of hat-trick in the Lok Sabha polls in 2024, he said.

He told opposition parties to not support those working against the country's interests at a time when development is taking place at a fast pace.

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interest, Modi said, asserting that they have realised that a strong BJP leads to the development of the country and every family. He reiterated that women, youth, the poor, and farmers are the four biggest castes and their empowerment will lead to the country's empowerment.

Noting that most members of Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Tribes belong to these categories, he said they have endorsed policies and roadmap presented by the BJP.

Every farmer, young voter, and the poor and deprived are saying that they have won, Modi said, adding that the youth looking for a better future and every citizen wanting a developed India by 2047 is feeling successful following the poll results.

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# Central university of Odisha inaugurates two days International Seminar on NEP2020

**KORAPUT,(KCN):**A two-day International Seminar on 'Transforming Indian Tradition and Ethos through NEP-2020: Multilingual and Multi-Disciplinary Culture of Education' was inaugurated at the campus of Central University of Odisha on 02 December 2023. The Central University of Odisha in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh is organising the seminar on 02-03 December 2023. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University presided over the inaugural programme. Prof. Prakash Chandra Bhattarai, Associate Dean, School of Education, Kathmandu University, Nepal was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Other guests were Shri Mahendra Kumar, Higher Education Wing In-charge, ABRSM from Gorakhpur, Dr. Narayan



Mohanty, Executive Member, ABRSM, Prof. Narasingh Charan Panda, Registrar In-charge, Central University of Odisha and Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, Head I/c, Dept. of Education and Coordinator of the International Seminar. Inaugurating the Seminar, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi satisfied that Koraput is the best place to begin with such discourses on National Education Policy, due to its mythological importance and natural beauty. Further, the state of Odisha also bears its importance due to eminent persons of the soil, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das and Saint Poet Bhima Bhoi. He stressed the need for Indianisation of Education, for successfully implementing the NEP 2020. India was colonialised for so many years and the British could control our land, as its culture of trusting

each other. Shri Mahendra Kumar said that the Education Policy will be successful if we discard the westernization practices and follow the value system in Indian Education. The Indian value system is unique in the world, and every country follows the Indian value system in the world. But, unfortunately, we are forgetting our ethos. He stressed the need for the revival of our old education system and follows it in practice.

Further, he also gave importance to the implementation of mother tongue in primary education so that NEP will be successful. Prof. Bhattacharai delivered his talk on the topic 'Cultivation of Ethics of Critique in the 21st Century Schools: Does Ethical Sensitivity matters?' In his talk he gave importance to the Indian education system to be revived under the National Education Policy. Dr. Narayan Mohanty, in his

speech, briefed about the activities of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh in India and its historical background. In Odisha under ABRSM, another body the Rashtriya Sikshak Parishad Odisha is a functionary, which works for school teachers in Odisha. He said that the organization is working hard on the implementation of NEP in India. Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, Convener of the Seminar, welcomed the guests in his speech and briefed them about the International Seminar topic. Dr. Sourav Gupta, Head I/c, Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication, coordinated the inaugural session, and Dr. C.V.N. Rao, Faculty member of Education Department, proposed the Vote of Thanks. All the Statutory officers and faculty members of the University, dignitaries from various institutions all over India and abroad, and staff and students of the University attended the Seminar in large numbers. The inaugural day also consisted of two technical sessions and a cultural programme at the end. Eminent speakers who delivered their talks in the technical session were Prof. G.C. Nanda, Retd. Professor of Education, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Prof. Kanhu Charan Sahoo, Professor at Vidya Bhavan, Visva Bharati, Shanti Niketan, Prof. Faisal Al Rfouch, University of Jordan, Jordan, Prof. B.B. Mishra, former Professor, Mizoram University, Prof. B.N. Panda, former Head, Dept. of Education, NCERT, Bhubaneswar and Prof. Rebat Kumar Dhakal, Kathmandu University, Nepal.

## Tata Steel Kalinganagar Organises Safety Meet 'SUMILAN' For Vendor Partners



**Kalinganagar (Sapan Kar), December 2, 2023:-** Tata Steel Kalinganagar (TSK) organised a safety communication meet namely 'SUMILAN' for its vendor partners in its plant premises located at

Duburi in Jajpur district on Thursday. Rajiv Kumar, Vice President (Operations), Tata Steel Kalinganagar graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with other senior officials of Tata Steel Kalinganagar and Union

officials. More than 500 employees of various vendor partners participated in this 9th edition of SUMILAN where they interacted with the senior leadership team on different aspects of

## Odisha: History-sheeter Sushanta Sahu arrested following encounter with police in Cuttack district

**Nischintakoili(KCN):** Police have arrested dreaded criminal Sushanta Sahu alias Lipu from Nischintakoili in Cuttack district, a source said Sunday. According to the source, the encounter took place Saturday night. Sahu was shot in his left leg by the cops in retaliation for an attack by the former. After sustaining bullet injuries, he was shifted to Cuttack's SCB Medical College and Hospital. His condition was stable at the time of filing this report. The source added that SI Tapan Nayak from Nischintakoili police station was on patrolling duty at night when he received a tip-off about some miscreants gathering near Asureshwar playground to plan their next crime. Subsequently, the police team reached the spot. As the miscreants saw the approaching



cops, they fired two rounds. The bullets hit the police and fled, the source informed.

Afterwards, the police rushed Sahu to a hospital in Nischintakoili and later shifted him to SCB

Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack. The cops have registered a case in this regard. Police informed that there are more than 55 cases registered against Sahu.



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## 'Dunki' Drop 3: Shah Rukh Khan-Starrer Releases Emotional Sound Track 'Nikle The Kabhi Hum Ghar'



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Unveiled today, Dunki Drop 3, 'Nikle The Kabhi Hum Ghar Se', weaves a

captivating narrative, adding another layer of

emotion to an endearing

film that narrates a heart-warming tale of four friends and their quest to reach foreign shores. The song delves into the profound ache of yearning for one's

homeland, a sentiment

that resonates deep within the hearts of those separated from their roots in pursuit of a brighter future.

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stories, 'Dunki' is a saga of love and friendship, that weaves together wildly disparate stories, providing both hilarious and heart-breaking answers to the challenges faced by its characters. The song, 'Nikle The Kabhi Hum Ghar Se' narrates the longing felt by Hardy, Manu, Buggu, and Balli to see their home and loved ones as they embark on a life-changing journey in the film.

Step into the world where the pain of being away is expressed through music, connecting hearts across borders and echoing the bittersweet journey of

## Mission Raniganj On OTT: Akshay Kumar's Film Streams On Netflix



Pooja Entertainment's 'Mission Raniganj' has indeed come along with an immensely intriguing and captivating tale of courage and resilience on the big screens. While the film left an indelible mark on the minds of the audience, it emerged as one of the most cherished and reviewed films of 2023. After paving a successful journey on the big screens, now the film has arrived on the OTT grounds and is now exclusively available on Netflix. The time has come when the audience can finally get to watch the story of a valiant mission led by courageous Late Jaswant Singh Gill to rescue coal miners in 1989 as 'Mission Raniganj' starring Akshay Kumar is now available only on Netflix.

The film has ruled the hearts of the audience and now it's all set to create the same magic on the OTT screens. In fact, it also emerged as the first choice of the audience on National Cinema Day. 'Mission Raniganj' has indeed touched the hearts of millions with its gripping narrative.

Produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani, Deepshikha Deshmukh, and Ajay Kapoor, the film, directed by Tinu Suresh Desai and music by Jjust Music, promises to bring to life the coal mine accident that shook not only the nation but also the world. The relentless dedication of the rescue team, led by Jaswant Singh Gill, offering audiences an unforgettable cinematic experience, screening in cinemas now. The film is now streaming on Netflix.

It's that day when 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' is all set to drop its high-octane trailer. After watching the action-packed teaser of 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire', the nation has been eagerly waiting for its trailer which is all set to release today at 7:19 PM. While this has indeed piqued the excitement for the release of the film, director Prashanth Neel has come up with interesting anecdotes about the film to elevate our ever-rising exhilaration.

As Prashanth Neel is currently on the promotional spree of 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire', he went on to attend an interview

where he was asked how he got the idea of Salaar. While replying to this, the director said, "The idea of making Saalar had come to my mind 15 years ago, but after making my first film Ugram, I got busy with KGF which took me almost 8 years to make. That is, we first started planning KGF and by the time its second part was released 8 years had

passed. In this way, the idea of making this film was already in my mind and during Covid, when KGF 2 was not released, we all had a lot of time because we were all sitting at home. So I worked on it a little." Moreover, the director was asked yet another question about, at which locations and in how many days was the shooting of the film completed. He said, "We have shot the entire portion of the film in Ramoji Film City. Hyderabad. Singaneri Mines is 5 hours away from Hyderabad where we shot, apart from this we also shot in South Ports, Mangalore Port, and Vizag Port, apart from this we also shot a small part in Europe. The shooting of the film lasted for about 114 days." Hombale Films, 'Salaar: Part 1: Ceasefire' will star Prabhas along with Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, and Jagapathi Babu. Made under the direction of Prashanth Neel, the film will be released in theaters on December 22, 2023.

## Did You Know 'Salaar: Part 1' Took 114 Days To Complete?



## Leaked: Ranbir Kapoor's Animal Full HD Movie Leaked Online On Tamilrockers, Telegram



Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna's 'Animal' was released in theatres on Friday. The much-awaited action drama, also starring Anil Kapoor and Bobby Deol in lead roles, opened to mostly positive reviews, with critics and audience showering love on the star cast.

The first day first show

is over and fans and critics have already declared Animal 'a blockbuster hit' film. As

fans are enthralled to witness this second Bollywood film by Sandeep Reddy Vanga after 'Kabir Singh' on the big screen, there is a sad update for the makers. The film has been leaked online in HD quality to download free on Torrent websites, Tamilrockers, Telegram and Movierulz. The movie leak on day one of the release is likely to impact the Box Office collection.

## Rani Mukerji To Alaya F: Actresses Who Aced Their Roles As A Journalist



Bollywood has produced a large number of films featuring feisty and strong journalist characters who left an indelible mark on the minds of the audience. However, in recent times, playing a journalist on screen is getting more popular with B-town actresses. Here are the actresses who have aced the roles of journalists -

## Alaya F – U-Turn

Ever since she has started her career as an actor, Alaya F has been unanimously praised for her choice of films and characters and taking the road less travelled; the latest one which has been hugely appreciated by the audience, industry and critics alike is Radhika Bakshi, her character in 'U-Turn'. While Alaya took on the challenge of essaying the demanding role of a

journalist with great finesse at such a young age, she has delivered a remarkable performance by carrying the film on her shoulders. She shines in intense scenes and commands a good screen presence. After the success of 'Freddy' and

now 'U-Turn', she is considered as one of the most sought after and bankable GenX actors of Bollywood!

## Yami Gautam Dhar – Lost

While 'Lost' featuring Yami Gautam Dhar was

praised for being an intriguing and thrilling ride, the prolific performer Yami Gautam Dhar was equally appreciated for taking on the role of a spunky crime reporter who investigates the missing of a college student. The versatile actress also met

Satyagraha, directed by Prakash Jha. While Kareena is known for playing glamorous roles mostly in her career, her performance as the obstinate and headstrong Yasmin demonstrated her acting prowess in this film.

## Rani Mukerji – No One Killed Jessica

One of her best performances till date, Rani Mukerji as feisty television journalist Meera, takes up the case of Jessica Lal murder. Rani's character was inspired from the different TV news reporters covering the case. Meera takes up the cause as Sabrina loses all faith in her ability to ever bring her sister's case to justice. Rani was highly praised for her performance as a staunch journalist and got much critical acclaim.

## Retraction of Statement made in Income Tax Search

(Contd from 28th Nov. 2023)

### PART 3

11. Intimation of retraction to higher authorities : In Principal CIT v Roshan Lai Sancheti [2019] 306 CTR (Raj) 140, the Rajasthan High Court held in para 19 that "Statement recorded under sec. 132(4) and later confirmed in statement recorded under sec. 131, cannot be discarded simply by observing that the assessee has retracted the same because such retraction ought to have been generally made within reasonable time or by filing complaint to superior authorities or otherwise brought to notice of the higher officials by filing duly sworn affidavit or statement supported by convincing evidence. Such a statement when recorded at two stages cannot be discarded summarily in cryptic manner by observing that the assessee in a belatedly filed affidavit has retracted from his statement. Such retraction is required to be made as soon as possible or immediately after the statement of the assessee was recorded. Duration of time when such retraction is made assumes significance and

in the present case retraction has been made by the assessee after almost eight months to be precise, 237 days. 12. Statements made involuntarily i.e. obtained under coercion, threat, duress, undue influence etc. : In Deepchand & Co v ACIT [1995] 51 TTJ (Bom.) 421, the ITAT, Mumbai held that there is no supporting evidence to confirm the admissions except the statements of two partners recorded at the time of search. It would not be out of context to mention here that the statements recorded by the search party during the search of more than two days and two nights cannot be considered to be free, fearless and voluntary. There is a considerable substance in the assessee's contention that the statements were recorded under pressure and force. The Tribunal had held that retraction should be allowed if it is based on proper principles and evidence. In the ordinary course no assessee would say that he had much concealed unaccounted money as mentioned in the statements herein. At the most what was expected to say was that certain income from the business was not disclosed, but putting in the mouth of the assessee that so much amount was unaccounted and concealed would itself indicate that the admission was forcible and not voluntary. 13. Retraction after obtaining copy of Statement on ground of mistaken belief either of fact or law:

a) In Jyotichand Bhai Chand Saraf & Sons (P) Ltd. v Deputy Commissioner of Income-tax, Circle 11(1) (ITAT Pune) [2012] 139 ITD 10 (Pune), a search and seizure action were taken under section 132. During the course of search action, statement of the Director of the assessee was recorded under section 132(4) on 6th November 2001. The assessee was given copies of the statement recorded under section 132(4) of the I.T. Act, 1961 on 20th May 2002. On receipt of the copy of the statement the assessee realized that there was a mistake in the declaration of income. The assessee submitted a letter clarifying the mistake on 21st June 2002 to the Assessing Officer and retracted the statement made under mistake of fact. The assessment order was accordingly issued and was set aside by the CIT

### Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

under sec. 263 stating that the same was prejudicial to the interest of the revenue and was made by the assessing officer without application of mind. On appeal, the Ld. ITAT held that the department has not brought on record any corroborative evidence so as to establish undisclosed income having been invested in agricultural land. Statement of the assessee cannot be sole basis without any cogent and corroborative evidence. This is the reason that the mistake in the statement is immediately clarified on the receipt of the statement by the appellant as stated above. Moreover, no material/evidence was found during the course of search action indicating on-money payment or any undisclosed investment in agricultural land at Malad. The assessee has clarified the mistake in the statement immediately on receipt of the statement. Thus, the statement has been retracted on realization of the mistake. The statement was given under mistaken belief of law that the suppressed

sale is unaccounted/undisclosed income instead of correct legal position that the gross profit arising from unaccounted sale is the undisclosed income. It is a settled position that admission made by the assessee u/s 132(4) is an important piece of evidence but the same is not conclusive. It is open to the assessee who made the admission to show that it is incorrect and the same is given under mistaken belief of fact or law. Statement of Director indicate that he was not mentally composed at relevant point of time. There is nothing on record to suggest that said undisclosed income declared on behalf of assessee has nexus with undisclosed investment in the said agricultural land.

b) Amritsar ITAT Bench in Asstt. CIT v Janak Raj Chciuan [2006] 102 TTJ 316 (Asr.), observed that admission made at the time of search action is an important piece of evidence, but the same is not conclusive. It is open to the assessee who made the admission to show that it is incorrect and same was made under mistaken belief of law

and fact.

### 14. Principles of Natural Justice :ITAT, Jodhpur

Bench in Maheshwari Industries v Asstt. CIT [2005] 148 Taxman 74 (Jodh) (Mag.) has held that admissions should be considered on merits rather than on the basis of the fact that the amount was surrendered by the assessee. It is settled legal position that unless the provision of statute warrant or there is a necessary implication on reading of section that the principles of natural justice are excluded, the provision of section should be construed in manner incorporating principles of natural justice and quasi-judicial bodies should generally read in the provision relevant section a requirement of giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard before an order is made which will have adverse civil consequences for parties effected.

c) Elaborate – It must clearly lay down the facts of the case and detail the evidences showing inter alia use of force, coercion, intimidation or any mistake of fact/law, whatever may be the case.

d) Highlight Error – In case of a mistake of fact or law, it must clearly lay down as to what statement was recorded, what mistake took place in making such a statement, the reason for the same and the actual correct position. Evidences in support of the correct facts must also be attached.

e) Inform Senior Officers

the person is retracting his statement made earlier. The person has to go through minute scrutiny by the tax authorities and the courts later on at different stages if the need be. The following aspects should be kept in mind:

– In addition to the A.O., Authorised Officer (who conducted the Search), a retraction which is made on affidavit or otherwise should also be communicated to higher authorities.

f) Earlier the better – Any retraction should be done at the earliest without any delay. A retraction made immediately may strengthen the case of the assessee whereas a belated retraction will in most cases will have no value and would be seen as an afterthought.

16. Burden of Proof lies on the assessee

16.1 In case the assessee wishes to retract the statement earlier made whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the burden to prove that the said statement was derived by exerting force or intimidation or was given due to mistake of fact or law, lies upon the assessee. Merely an onus to disprove the already existing and supposedly incorrect statement does not lie, but an entirely new burden arises on filing of an affidavit and that burden has to be shifted by the assessee at the earliest.

(authors of the book  
"How to Handle  
Income Tax  
Problems")

## Disabilities Against Discrimination

### Dr. Subhashree Mishra

Working for differently-able kids and adults all these years I felt that we lack basic awareness how to take care of them or how to treat them, sometime we just do not know what to do

restriction of access, ignorance, lack of information) or induced by societal norms (neglect, overprotection sympathetic attitudes). disabling conditions exist universally and parents who are having difficulty accepting their child's disability can cope with their own pain and frustrations, their full energies generally cannot be directed toward understanding

to every human everywhere worldwide to come forward and help the people with disabilities against discrimination, abuse, and lack of accessibility. Appropriate steps need to be taken based on all available resources to develop accessible public transportation and to guarantee equal access to health care for people with disabilities. We as a whole society need to come forward and welcome them with open arms and see them bloom, I have seen many people do such noble causes, I went to a couple of schools where they didn't have any program to educate kids with disabilities, so the teachers developed an after-school program on their own even though they weren't paid for it, let us not be disabled from our thoughts to make them able and bring them to mainstream. Let us care for what we have and share our blessings to the world around. Stay blessed.

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and are afraid to take help of professional or organization, rather we try to conceal the fact that our known or loved one is having special need, but fact is, they are same as us, just that sometime they are slow to respond but that doesn't mean they don't feel, they are more sensitive than us and need more love and care.

However the first thing is to accept them as equal in the family, most parents cannot accept their new born as disabled and discard the mother and child leaving them so that they are able to assess their choices and make informed decisions. I would request

## Serenity Spaces; Easy Urban-Rural Living

### Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon



To orchestrate a harmonious future, meticulous housing planning is imperative in the symphony of urban development. Proper housing planning should extend to rural areas, conserving abundant agricultural land, a critical natural resource. Sustainable resource management resonates through judicious land allocation and eco-conscious dwelling practices. Robust housing with minimal ecological impact necessitates discouraging rampant urban expansion into productive suburban lands, considering not only present needs but also anticipating future demands in our ever-changing world. This holistic housing approach can transform cities, suburbs, and rural areas into living ecosystems where humans coexist harmoniously with nature. A clarion call for stakeholders—government, private developers, housing

boards, and citizens—to converge, composing a symphony committed to a more resourceful tomorrow.

Arable land, vital for food production, faces constant threat from rampant urbanization. Rising population demands intensified residential spaces, but without proper planning, fertile land converts to housing. In UT Jammu and Kashmir, particularly Srinagar city, the alarming loss of fertile land to urbanization is exacerbated by the profit-driven interests of land mafias and private property dealers. Unplanned colonies by unregistered property dealers often receive favors for essential infrastructure development, attracting residents in need of housing facilities. However, government or housing

board colonies lag in civic amenities, discouraging citizens from choosing well-planned options. For instance, the J&K Housing Board's Ompora colony in Budgam is ecologically sound, being unirrigated and upland, with minimal flood threats. Unfortunately, authorities' apathy toward civic amenities

in such colonies drives citizens toward unplanned, private colonies on fertile lands with better infrastructure. The urgency lies in transforming Ompora into a model housing colony for the region. Authorities must address these fundamental needs promptly to enhance our quality of life.

Integrating these essential amenities will not only meet the immediate needs of residents but also contribute significantly to the overall success of sustainable housing initiatives in the area. It is crucial that these issues are prioritized and resolved, ensuring that Ompora becomes a shining example of well-planned, well-equipped, and thriving housing for the benefit of all its residents.

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# Exhibition of "SUSHI" a UNESCO listed Intangible Culinary Cultural Heritage of Japan opened at Indian Museum



**Kolkata (PARTHA ROY):** An exhibition of "SUSHI", a culinary speciality and UNESCO listed Intangible cultural heritage of Japan and the world opened at Indian Museum Kolkata on 2nd December 2023 by Consul-General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. Nakagawa Koichi and Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata, Mr. Arijit Dutta Chowdhury. The exhibition is organized by Consulate General of Japan in

Kolkata, Indian Museum, Kolkata (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) and The Japan Foundation. The exhibition will be open till 22 December 2023. "SUSHI" is a culinary speciality preparation having primary ingredients of fish, rice, vinegar which has originated more than 1400 years ago and has evolved over the years. Sushi has originated from Japanese style of fish preservation methods in vinegared rice practiced over 2500 years ago. Sushi the archetypal example of traditional "Washoku"-Japanese cuisine, made UNESCO's Intangible Heritage list in 2013. Today's style of nigirzushi, consisting of an oblong mound of rice with a slice of fish draped over it, became popular in Edo era in the 1820s or 1830s. Sushi is one of the most

common types of sushi presentation but Nigirzushi is not only sushi available. Literally translated as 'two fingers' nigiri comprises a ball of vinegared sushi rice, pressed into an oblong shape and topped with another ingredient. Since then Sushi preparation has evolved over time and has become popular Japanese culinary item around the world.

There are many varieties of Sushi. Sushi can be both non-vegetarian as well as vegetarian.

Sushi, is not only combination of rice, seaweed, vinegar and fish, but extensive selection of plant-based Sushi options available for vegetarian. Each region of Japan has its own distinctive sushi dishes that have been developed over long periods and reflect local features, climate, and customs. Delivery mechanisms and serving style of Sushi played important role in popularising Sushi consumption in

Japan. Introduction of kaiten sushi (conveyor belt sushi) restaurants in Japan in 1950s expanded Sushi consumption in a big way. Also, selling of moderately priced Sushi through Supermarket in takeaway form promoted Sushi consumption. Preparation of Sushi involves

using natural, local ingredient, rice, fish, vegetables, edible wild plants. While preparing Sushi great respect paid to the seasons as well as social practice based on a set of skills, knowledge, practice and traditions related to the production, processing, preparation and consumption of food. It is associated with an essential spirit of respect for nature that is closely related to the sustainable use of natural resources. Sushi can play important role in management of contemporary global food challenges.

## India's emission intensity reduced by 33 per cent between 2005-2019: Govt report

**Dubai (KCN):** India reduced its GDP emission intensity by 33 per cent between 2005 and 2019, achieving the target 11 years in advance, according to a government report. The report also said India's GDP grew at a cumulative annual growth rate of 7 per cent but its emissions rose by only 4 per cent per year during this period, suggesting that the country has been successful in decoupling its economic growth from planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions. The report called 'The Third National Communication to the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change' will be submitted to the UN climate change body during the ongoing climate talks in Dubai, officials said. Nationally communications contain information on a country's greenhouse gas emissions, its vulnerability to climate change, and the measures any country is taking to mitigate emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said that India reduced its GDP emission intensity by 33 per cent between 2005 and 2019, achieving the target 11

years in advance. India created an additional carbon sink of 1.97 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent during this period. However, the country's total emissions (including the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry sector) have increased by 4.56 per cent with respect to 2016. The emission intensity of the economy refers to the total amount of greenhouse gases emitted for every unit increase of gross domestic product (GDP). It is different from absolute emissions. "We are well on track to achieve the target of reducing our GDP emissions intensity by 45 per cent by 2030, the guardrail of 1.5

degrees Celsius is breached. According to the third national communication, the energy sector accounted for the maximum share of anthropogenic emissions (75.81 per cent), followed by agriculture (13.44 per cent), Industrial Process and Product Use (8.41 per cent), and waste (2.34 per cent). The LULUCF sector removed 4,85,472 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (GgCO<sub>2</sub>e) of emissions. Considering total emissions and removals, India's net national emissions in 2019 were 26,46,556 GgCO<sub>2</sub>e (or 2.6 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e).

Scientists say climate impacts like heat/cold waves, floods, cyclones, heavy rains, melting of

## ICAR-CIFRI successfully implements cage culture at Kangsabati reservoir, Bankura

**Bankura (KCN):** A fish harvest cum auction program was organized by ICAR-CIFRI at cage culture site, Kangsabati reservoir, Mukutmanipur on December 2, 2023, in collaboration with Department of Fisheries

traders participated in the program. The program started with lighting of the lamp by Honorable Minister, Sri Biplab Rouchowdhury followed by welcome address by Joint Secretary DoF, Ms. A. S. Alvi. In her welcome address she stressed the need for improvement of fish production from reservoirs and wetlands

reaching marketable size of more than 500g. Dr. Hassan also talked about other technologies and guidelines developed by the Institute for boosting fish production from inland open waters. Honorable minister Sri Biplab Roychowdhury expressed his happiness on noteworthy progress of the project. He motivated the



by Department of Fisheries West Bengal in technical collaboration and handholding of ICAR-CIFRI. The purpose of the project was to showcase the potential of cage culture for fish production enhancement in reservoirs of West Bengal and build capacity of fishers on different aspects of cage culture. The program was graced by Honorable Minister of State Sri Biplab Roychowdhury. Other dignitaries like Special Commissioner Sri. Atanu Kumar Roy IAS, Karmadhabashy Ms. Sujata Mondal, ADM Sri Vivek Basmy, IAS, SDO Ms. Neha Banerji, IAS, Officials of Fisheries Department were also present at the occasion. A large number of fisher's from the reservoir belonging to 7 Cooperative Societies and local fish vendors, of the state through scientific management and technological intervention. Dr. M. A. Hassan, Head, Fisheries Enhancement and Management Division, ICAR-CIFRI shared the progress of the project and efforts taken by the Institute in successful implementation of the project. He briefed that the project was undertaken for demonstration of cage farming in Kangsabati reservoir, Mukutmanipur and thanked Fisheries Department for sponsoring the project. A battery of 32 cages were installed at the reservoir and stocked with pangasius seed with a target to produce 80 tons of fish in 8-9 months of duration. The project was launched on May 16, 2023. In less than 6 months 48-ton fish yield (60% of the target) has been achieved with around 15% stock

implementation authorities and expressed the need for taking up similar initiatives on cage culture in the same reservoir and other waterbodies for production enhancement and benefit of the farmers. Honorable Minister appreciated CIFRI for the hand holding and successfull implementation of the project and expressed his thankfulness to Director Dr. B. K Das for his commitment. Other dignitaries also appreciated the initiative and expressed their satisfaction with the progress of the project. The program also marked commencement of the first fish auction for sale of the produce. The fish marketing of the fish is supposed to continue till March 2024. The program ended with a vote of thanks.

## BOBBY CHAKRABORTY ATTENDS THE EXTRAVAGANT NIPS-CHRISTMAS CAKE MIXING CARNIVAL

**KOLKATA (KCN):** December ushers in the mood of Christmas and Santa Claus. People around the world gather to celebrate the holiday season. In many countries, one of the most popular Christmas traditions is cake mixing. It's a tradition that dates back to the middle ages. It was originally done as a way to preserve fruitcakes and other sweets during the winter months. The process of cake mixing involves combining dried fruits, nuts, and spices with flour, sugar, and eggs. This mixture is then baked into a cake or pudding. The tradition of cake mixing began in England, but it quickly spread to the other parts of the world.

On 2nd December, NIPS Hospitality group, under The Founder Director Dr. Vivek Pathak and Faces, under The President Mr. Imran

Zaki organised a gala Christmas Cake Mixing Carnival on the sprawling Kolkata Campus Ground of the NIPS Hospitality Management Institute. Dignitaries from all walks of life were invited for an evening of fun, frolic, music, games, prizes and delicious cuisines. Among the special guests of the event we had actor/activist/teacher of method acting Bobby Chakraborty, who gave us a first hand account of the glitzy event. Here's what Bobby said:-

"I thank Dr. Pathak and Imran Bhai for inviting me to this colourful event, organised with a lot of care and skillful planning by the Administration, Faculty and the students of NIPS Hospitality Management, Kolkata and Faces, under The



touched by their warmth and hospitality. I must also mention the care and affection of the Assistant Director Mr.

Ranabir Ray towards every guest of the evening. The ground looked marvellously colourful,

red being the predominant colour of Christmas. There were various stalls all around, some had

games, others had delicious cuisines prepared by the students and faculties from their in-house

bakery named Windsor Bakery. There were lucky draw coupons which had 10 lucky winners winning some

coveted gifts. The noted educationists of the city were felicitated and I got the opportunity to felicitate Sunita Sen Ma'am, The Principal of The BSS School, who is very near to my heart. The DJ played some foot tapping music which made everyone groove carefree, including me! The main attraction of the evening being the cake mixing session, had an elaborate spread of dry fruits, nuts, grains and spices, which were merrily mixed by the guests, all decked up in a chef's attire, including me. The cheerful mood was infectious and it was great to see everyone wearing a bright smile on their faces, as they left the venue, a parting Gift Box in their hands, gearing up for the upcoming festivities."

## Leopard kills calf, panic grips Nuapada villagers

**NUAPADA(KCN):** Panic gripped villagers of Soseng village under the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary in Nuapada district after a leopard killed a calf late on Friday night. According to reports, the leopard entered the cowshed of one Santosh Majhi of the village and dragged a calf out of the shed to prey on it.

Later the half-eaten carcass of the calf was found a few hundred metres away from the village on Saturday morning. Following

the incident, forest officials rushed to the village and ascertained from the injuries and pugmarks that it was a leopard. The officials have also installed trap cameras across the village to monitor the movement of the leopard and sensitised the villagers to not venture out of their houses after evening. ACF of Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary, Sanjeev Kumar Bangola said, "Our staff have been deployed at the village for patrolling. We are



taking steps to ensure the safety of the villagers. The owner of the cattle will also get a compensation of Rs 5,000." Earlier between

March and April this year, several leopard attacks were reported in Soseng village where the big cats had entered in search of

prey and killed several cattle. This apart, on October 31, another leopard also killed a seven-year-old boy in Katingpani village under the wildlife sanctuary.

The same leopard was also suspected of having killed another woman and attacked a child in Silaribahara village of Dharmabandha block on November 4 before he was rescued and transferred to the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Sambalpur Zoo on November 8.

## HC Fury Over False Affidavit

**Cuttack(KCN):** Orissa High Court expressing concern over the filing of a fabricated affidavit by former Cuttack Collector and District Magistrate Bhabani Shankar Chayani in an illegal sand mining case had warned to initiate criminal proceedings against the officer.

However, the High Court held back it at the last moment giving an opportunity to the senior officer, who is now posted as Director of Higher Education department, to rectify his mistake within 15 days. Adjudicating a PIL relating to illegal sand mining in the Kathajodi riverbed, a Division



Bench headed by Acting Chief Justice B R Sarangi, in an order delivered on Thursday, observed that the affidavit filed by Shri Chayani on July 19 was based on false information and flimsy statements. "If one opportunity is granted and the authorities will rectify their mistakes within fifteen days, then this Court will not pursue the proceedings," the Division Bench, also comprising Justice M S Raman, ordered. But when the Government Advocate

requested the Court not to press the July 19 affidavit and sought an opportunity to file a fresh affidavit, the High Court yielded to it with a condition.

## Empowerment Of PwD Urged3



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Speakers in a Workshop on Empowerment of PwDs, keeping in view Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-2030 gave more importance on strategic shifts to promote the rights and wellbeing of PwDs in all spheres of society. Organised by the SSEPD Department on the eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the workshop had a thorough discussion on the theme of this year's celebration. It was expressed that given the multiple challenges we are facing

today, the world is not on track to reach many SDG targets according the preliminary findings from the UN Disability and Development Report 2023. Thus united efforts of Governments, NGOs, Social Engineers, Corporate Bodies and Civil Society has become necessary to have more visible socio-economic growth of PwDs.

The speakers discussed many aspects pertaining to SDG targets in Odisha such as correlation between UN Vision and SDGs, digital empowerment of PwDs, education and skill

development and livelihood, new technology for education and training, norms and standards of model behaviour and social adequate towards PwDs, monitoring the off tracking of SDGs, transmutive solutions against the mix and misconception towards PwDs, disability accessibility, excellence in sports, barrier free school, involvement of PwDs in disaster risk reduction and multiple crisis faced by PwDs in their day to day life. It was also suggested to have integrated sports complex for PwDs, call

centre, database for job-seekers, strengthening of empowerment activities from grassroots level in Odisha. N C Pati and Sannyasi Behera chaired two sessions respectively while Jagadananda, Member, Standing Committee of NITI Aayog, Pratap Rath, Psychologist, Former Administrator R.K. Sharma, Soubhagya Routray, Siba Prasad Behera, Rajiv Raturi, Mohit Kejriwal, Bijay Routray, Md. Jafer Ekbal, Dilip Roy, Special Secretary SSEPD and others participated. Deepak Routray proposed vote of thanks.

## State Honors Srabani



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Athlete Srabani Nanda was today awarded a cash prize of Rs 9.40 lakh by the Sports and Youth Services Department for her outstanding performance in the 37th National Games 2023 held in Goa and other sports disciplines. Speaking at a special

felicitation function organized by the Department at Kalinga Stadium, the Minister for Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera said that today we are proud to felicitate talented athlete Srabani Nanda. Due to dedication and hard work, she has not only earned a medal for

herself but has also made the whole of Odisha proud. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has given priority to sports and has given priority to infrastructure, world-class training, promotion of sportspersons and employment. Similarly, Srabani thanked the Chief

Minister and the Sports Department for the award and said that the infrastructure that has been built at present like indoor athletics, temperature controlled aquatic center, FIFA standard football stadium and training center will help in producing many international players from Odisha in the coming days.

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# SAIC Motor and JSW Group announce a strategic Joint Venture to accelerate growth with focus on green mobility

**Bhubaneswar:** SAIC Motor, a global Fortune 500 company with annual revenues of around US\$ 110 billion and a presence in over 100 countries, and the JSW Group, one of India's leading global business conglomerates with US\$ 23 billion in revenues across diversified businesses, have entered into a strategic Joint Venture. The Shareholder Agreement and Share Purchase & Share Subscription agreement were signed by the President of SAIC Wang Xiaoqiu and JSW Group's Parth Jindal at MG UK Headquarters in London with the objective of accelerating the transformation and

growth of MG Motor in India. SAIC Motor and JSW Group will create strategic synergies by bringing together resources in the field of automobiles and new technology. The joint venture will also undertake multiple new initiatives including augmenting local sourcing, improving charging infrastructure, expansion of production capacity, and introducing a broader range of vehicles with a focus on green mobility. According to the agreement signed, JSW Group will hold 35% in the Indian JV operations. SAIC will continue supporting the joint venture with advanced technology

## RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

**Mumbai:** RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

**H&M revels in sunset colours and embellished details for The Festive Collection 2023**



Bhubaneswar: H&M India invites you to the season of celebrations with a special collection personified by all things sparkle and shine. Featuring party-ready ensembles, the collection spotlights designs showcasing strong shoulders, cropped tops and draped details among the statement suiting, party dresses and matching sets. Rhinestones, sequins and high-shine fabrics bring sophistication and

vibrancy to every piece, while a strong colour palette of hot pink, orange, red, sand, gold and black adds to the celebratory mood.

"The Festive Collection comes at such a special time of year and we're thrilled with the collection. We were really inspired by the importance of light – candles, lanterns and fireworks – and worked that into a vivid sunset colour palette, but also brought in a lot of sequins, rhinestones and satin."

and products to deliver extraordinary mobility solutions with an unwavering focus on the Indian consumer. According to Wang Xiaoqiu, President of SAIC Motor, "The automobile business is a global industry, and like in any other similar industry, access and collaboration are crucial for its healthy growth. SAIC has always adhered to the 'win-win cooperation' approach while steadily improving our core capabilities and expanding our scale of production and sales. In the growing Indian automotive market, both partners shall work closely to bring in the best of innovation, in



smarter mobility products and services for our consumers, seizing market opportunities, continuously expanding the brand influence and market share of our products, and achieving greater success for MG

in India."

According to JSW Group's Parth Jindal, "Our strategic collaboration with

SAIC Motor aims to grow & transform the MG Motor operations in India with a focus on green mobility solutions. The joint venture paves the way for bringing world-class technology-enabled futuristics suite of automobile products including the new generation of intelligent connected NEVs and ICE vehicles. The JV's focus on broader localisation initiatives will yield financially accretive synergies through economies of scale while providing the highest level of customer service to the Indian consumer. One of the key focus areas of this joint venture will be to pursue the development of the EV ecosystem and to take a leadership position in this space. We would like to thank SAIC and MG Motor for choosing JSW as their partners of choice and look forward to building one of India's largest automobile companies together. The rich history of the MG brand is known to all and its success in India is there for all to see and it is truly an honour to be able to take this brand and company forward alongside a strong global partner in SAIC. We cannot wait to get going."

## Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

**Mumbai:** Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the

Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the

Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI."

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

## Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

**New Delhi:** The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pincodes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AEPs at their doorstep Adhikari outlet.

The PM Kisan Scheme,

per year, divided into three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children. Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder & CEO, Spice Money, said, "At Spice Money, we have been striving to solve the problem of access to banking & financial services in rural India. As the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is rolled out, our 1 million Adhikaris operating across 18,500 pin codes, will be an enabler in ensuring easy access and withdrawal of this subsidy to the rightful 10 crore beneficiaries of this scheme."

Farmers and farmer

families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AEPs, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount."

Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India by providing banking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

## Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3,53,188 unit sales

**Gurugram:** Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

**Commissions India's Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts**

**New Delhi:** Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has commissioned India's largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this

sets the ball rolling on Vedanta Aluminium's plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium

smelter, ex-China. Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards increasing gender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgender employees as

forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IoT (Internet of Things) technology to integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.

# Adelaide Strikers land back-to-back WBBL titles after riveting heist

**New Delhi:** An all-round performance from skipper Tahlia McGrath led a collective Adelaide Strikers performance as they successfully defended their WBBL title with a thrilling three-run win over Brisbane Heat in the final at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday (December 2). Chasing an under-par total of 126, Brisbane Heat needed 13 off the last over bowled by Amadea Wellington who held her nerve to see her side over the line. The well-set Amelia Kerr got off-strike on the second ball of the over and then had to watch helplessly as she never got back the strike again.

Opting to bat, the defending champions lost the in-form Katie Mack early but a 66-run

stand between McGrath and the seasoned Laura Wolvaardt raised hopes of a total in excess of 150, if not 160. The Strikers captain in particular looked in good touch barring the odd nervy moment but once the two set batters departed, the innings went downhill for the Strikers.

The surface appeared to be decent to bat on but the variable bounce and turn on offer meant that the bowlers were always in the game. Heat came back strongly to put the squeeze on and regular wickets helped their cause as the Strikers endured a horrendous final ten overs.

Nicola Hancock continued her good form in the season with a three-fer including the big wickets of Mack and



McGrath, Jess Jonassen also produced a tidy spell with the crucial breakthrough of Wolvaardt.

With a low score to chase, Grace Harris started on a positive note as Heat scored 25 off the first three overs.

However, the Strikers didn't lose their composure and quietly went about putting a lid on the scoring rate. The result

was the big wicket of Harris, with Georgia Redmayne also falling shortly after to kick the game alive. The runs

started to dry up as Strikers' spinners stifled the batters.

To win defending a low score in a final required one defining moment and McGrath provided that with her second over. A well-disguised slower ball cleaned up du Preez and then a very full ball got the dangerous Laura Harris for a golden duck. It was the kind of situation the Strikers needed heading into the back end of the innings with the kind of score they had to defend. But Charlie Knott defied them with a 14-ball 20 that put the chase back on track with the power surge yet to be taken. The game ebbed and flowed until the wily Megan Schutt removed Knott and Jonassen off her successive overs to push Heat to the edge. Kerr was starved of the

strike in the last three overs and while she tried her best with the odd boundary, her partners lost the plot against a relentless Strikers attack that fed off the roaring home crowd at the Adelaide Oval. The defending champions weren't flawless on the field and a few missed catches/run outs did occur but what they did well was to ace the crunch moments as they landed successive WBBL titles.

**Brief scores:** Adelaide Strikers 125/5 in 20 overs (Laura Wolvaardt 39, Tahlia McGrath 38; Nicola Hancock 3-23) beat Brisbane Heat 122/8 in 20 overs (Amelia Kerr 30, Georgia Redmayne 22; Amanda-Jade Wellington 3-16, Tahlia McGrath 2-16, Megan Schutt 2-30) by three runs

## Morris recalled as Australia name strong squad for Perth Test

**New Delhi:** Pacer Lance Morris is in line for a Test debut as Australia selectors recalled the pacer in the 14-member squad for the opening Test of the three-match series against Pakistan in Perth.

Morris, the only uncapped player in the 14-strong squad, is returning from a back stress injury that ruled him out of the Ashes series. He's played three of the six Sheffield Shield games for Western Australia, bagging 11 wickets on domestic comeback at 25.54.

There are otherwise no surprises in the squad with 10 of the XI from the last Ashes Test named in the 14 and only Nathan Lyon, back from calf injury, replacing Todd Murphy. Alex Carey, who lost his ODI spot as Australia's wicketkeeper during their successful 2023



World Cup campaign, has retained his spot in the multi-day format. Likewise, Cameron Green, who was subsequently replaced by Mitch Marsh in Australia's World Cup XI, also finds a place in the team for the first Test. David Warner, who had earlier in the year expressed his desire for a Test farewell in the New Year's game against Pakistan - the last of this series, has been backed despite a poor patch in

strong resume over an extended period. We believe they have earned the opportunity to start in our first home Test match at the beginning of the new World Test Championship cycle," chair of selectors George Bailey said.

"Thirteen members of the squad were part of the victorious World Test Championship and successful Ashes tours over the winter and Lance Morris has been recalled after recovering from his back injury over the same period.

"As ever, there will be opportunities in the short to medium term to break into this squad and we look forward to seeing the continued strong performances from players who have been performing domestically, many of whom will get a tremendous opportunity in the PM's XI fixture against Pakistan later this week."

**New Delhi:** A day after appointing Salman Butt as a member consultant for the chief selector, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has removed the former captain because of intense public and media pressure. The removal was announced by chief selector Wahab Riaz on Saturday.

"People started talking all sorts of stuff about me and Salman Butt. It was my decision to have Salman Butt as a consultant because he is a good cricketing mind. I am now reversing that decision. I have already informed Salman Butt that he cannot be part of my team. But personally I think people have to move on as he has served his sentence," Riaz, a former Pakistan pacer, told reporters in Lahore on Saturday.

Forefront among many critics of the PCB was Ramiz Raja, a former chairman of the Board.



Ramiz hit out at the PCB for appointing a tainted person for an important job. "It's insane to have a selection committee consisting of a member whose decision can be termed as a display of filial affection or non-affection and another

who was locked up for match fixing," Ramiz had told Cricbuzz on the appointment. Butt, a former Pakistan captain, was a central figure in the 2010 spot fixing-scandal along with Mohammad Amir and Mohammad Asif. Cricbuzz has reached out to the PCB and Riaz.

## The belief that we can go far grows through these victories - Najmul

**Dhaka:** Najmul Hossain Shanto, the interim Test skipper, said his team had the belief that they could beat New Zealand following a 150-run win on Saturday (December 2) which gave Bangladesh their maiden Test win against New Zealand at home. The win also helped them begin the third edition of the ICC World Test Championship on the right note having finished the previous edition with a solitary win.

"It is a good feeling. I am very happy to have won my first Test as captain. Everything went to plan. We played a good game," Najmul said. "I was quite clear about my statement that we could win this

Test series. I didn't say it as motivation. I meant that we can win this game. Everyone had the same belief. I got the confidence to say this when I heard it from the players, that we were all on the same page. I considered our bowling attack and batting depth in these conditions before saying it.

"I said that we have to win these two Tests. We have to believe in it. We came here with this in mind. We didn't think about the outcome. As long as we are in the present, we are going to be okay. What we need to do in that moment, we should understand that. I think the bowlers and fielders got stuck into their responsibilities



quite well." The Bangladesh team came in for some severe criticism recently following their below-par showing in the 2023 World Cup. While the victory against New Zealand will come as a respite, Najmul doesn't want to get carried away. "Nothing has changed. There will be talk outside. Now that we

won, they will say nice things. When we will lose, they will criticise us. It is beyond our control. We don't even think about it. We think about the process, and try to stick to it regularly. We won today but it wasn't a perfect game. We have to talk about our mistakes and then take it forward." During this game, Najmul became the first

Bangladesh player to score a century on debut as Test captain. Speaking about his approach he said the focus was on playing positive cricket and responding to the situation.

"It is important to understand that I was batting for my team. They set attacking fields so I had boundary options. It is not easy to defend for a long time on this wicket. When they had fielders in front of me, I attacked them. When they had in-out field, I played defensive shots. I shifted back to my normal gameplan to avoid risky shots. When they attacked again, I went for the runs. Plans change according to the situation. They attacked

in the first innings so I batted according to my plan," he said

"I was quite clear about my approach. They set close-in fields so I played low-risk shots. Some may have thought those are high-risk shots. If I didn't connect those shots, they would still go to the boundary over the fielder's head. It was my gameplan. It seemed like I batted very responsibly in the second innings. I had similar plans. When they pushed the fielders back, I didn't think it was necessary to hit fours and sixes over the fielders. I batted in a low-risk manner. A batter has to bat according to the situation. Najmul was also lavish in his praise of Taijul

Islam, who bagged 10 wickets in the match, including a six-wicket haul in the second innings. Taijul bowled lengthy spells in both the innings, with 39 overs in the first and 31.1 overs in the second. "He is one of the best Test bowlers in recent years. His strength is to bowl in one spot for a long time. I tried to use him for long from one end with this belief. We didn't plan anything different. He just wanted to bowl for a long time from one end," he said.

Najmul insisted that by winning the first Test they have only "done half the work" and that they need to sustain the improvement graph heading into the next game. At the same time, he also wanted Bangladesh to take the confidence from the victory in the future games.

"Certainly they are a good team and the importance of a Test match (win) is huge to me as well as to other players. They were the champions of the ICC Test Championship in the first cycle and when you beat a team like that it gives confidence. The belief that we can go far from where we stand in Test cricket grows through these victories. If we don't forget these matches and going forward carry on doing what we have done right here we can go a long way in Test cricket."